### **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate informalities in the specification, claims and abstract resulting from a literal translation of the French text, to insert heading to conform to U.S. format, and to eliminate the use of multiple dependent claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for examination, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Complete Set of Amended Claims Showing Amendments Made By Bracketing and Underlining:

- --9. (old claim 1) [Computing] <u>A computing</u> machine (1) comprising a RAM (3) and a mass memory (5) [in which an] operating system <u>for the machine</u> [is] stored <u>in the mass memory</u>, [characterized in that] the mass memory (5) [comprises] including a partition (8), <u>said partition being</u> [that is] read-only accessible to the operating system, [said partition (8)] <u>and</u> containing a startup function, an automatic repair function, and a <u>mounting</u> function for mounting said operating system.
- 10. (old claim 2) [Computing] <u>A computing</u> machine according to claim [1] 9, characterized in that said startup function comprises a first code sequence for loading the contents of the partition (8) into the RAM (3) and a second code sequence for activating [in RAM] said automatic repair function in the RAM.
- 11. (old claim 3) [Computing] <u>A computing</u> machine according to claim [2] <u>10</u>, characterized in that said automatic repair function comprises a third code sequence that calls said mounting function, executable in RAM (3) with write capability in at least one other partition (9) of the mass memory (5).
- 1 12. (old claim 4) [Computing] A computing machine according to claim [3]
  2 11, characterized in that said automatic repair function comprises a fourth code
  3 sequence for acknowledging an error indicated by said mounting function and a fifth
  4 code sequence for restarting the machine after the acknowledgement of the error.

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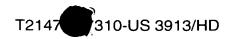
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[Computing] A computing machine according to claim [4] 1 13. (old claim 5) 12, characterized in that said partition (8) contains a standard acknowledgement 2 function and in that the fourth code sequence calls said standard acknowledgement 3 function executable in RAM with write capability in at least one other partition (9) of 4 5 the mass memory. 14. (old claim 6) [Computing] A computing machine according to [any of the 1 preceding claims] claim 9, characterized in that the mass memory (5) is a hard disk. 2 15. (new claim) A computing machine according to claim 9, further including 112 a switch for resetting the RAM and restarting the machine. 16 (old claim 7) [Method] A method for automatically starting a computing 1.() 2 3 4 machine (1) [comprising] having a RAM (3) and a mass memory (5) having an operating system stored therein, characterized in that it comprises: [a first step (14) that starts ]starting operation of the machine (1) by means of a signal (7); [a second step (15) that automatically loads] loading into RAM (3) the 6 contents of a partition (8) of the mass memory (5); 7 8 [a third step (16) that automatically mounts] mounting an operating 9 system from the RAM (3); and [a fourth step (17) that automatically acknowledges] acknowledging 10 11 any error indicated in [the third step (16) and that reactivates the second step (15)] mounting the operating system and reactivating the 12

loading of the contents.

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1	17.	(old claim 8)	[Method] A method according to claim [7] 16,	
2	characterize	ed in that it cor	mprises, in the manufacturing phase of the machine (1):	
3	-	[a fifth step (11) that creates] creating partitions (8, 9) in the mass		
4		memory (5);		
5	_	[a sixth step	(12) that stores] storing at least part of the operating	
6		system and	functions for executing the second, third and fourth steps	
7		(15, 16, 17)	in a first partition (8); <u>and</u>	
8	_	[a seventh s	tep (14) that declares] declaring said first partition (8) to be	
9		read-only ac	cessible to said operating system	
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### **Abstract Showing Changes Made Using Brackets and Underlining:**

#### **ABSTRACT**

# [COMPUTING MACHINE WITH HARD STOP-TOLERANT DISK FILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM]

[The] A computing machine (1) comprises a RAM (3) and a mass memory (5) in which an operating system is stored. The mass memory (5) comprises a partition (8) that is read-only accessible to the operating system.

[, said] Said partition (8) [containing] contains a startup function, an automatic repair function, and a function for mounting said operating system.

[Fig. 1]

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